From: Josie Weiss

Date: February 28, 2019

Subject: Opposition for SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874

My name is Josie Weiss, and I reside at 117 Clearview Lane in New Canaan, CT.

I would like to respectfully express my opposition to proposed SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874.

My husband and I have chosen to move to New Canaan for one reason only – the unparalleled education system. We were thrilled with the idea that our children will one day be a part of a brilliant public school system. Our children are ages 4 and 2 and we fear that the quality of the education in our schools will be compromised if these bills are enacted. We were particularly attracted to the benefits provided by the small classrooms in our town, and therefore concerned about the impact of larger school sizes and decreasing administrator and community engagement.

We love our town, and our schools. We strongly believe in the quality of the public education in our town, and without this we will sadly be forced to look into raising our children outside of this beautiful state of CT. Furthermore we hear the similar discussion amongst our friends and neighbors about leaving CT as well, and it is rather alarming.

We have always envisioned living in New Canaan and raising our happy family here, and we sincerely hope that we can ultimately fulfill this vision. We truly hope that you will oppose SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874.

I thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.